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Welcome everyone to another issue of "AR". We're doing fine here. Just gearing up for our trip north Labor Day weekend. Hope for some cool weather for us will you. I need a relief from this sweatbox called Florida. Klon, you can have it. Enough of the bullshit. In this issue you will find a live IWF report on their first house show held 8/7 in Orlando. Also the last two hours of IWF tapings will be looked at as well. K.C. O'Connor has a special feature on the WCW card in Greensboro held 8/10. Lots more than results in that one. Scott Hudson has two features this ish. One on the GWF's North American title tourney held in Dallas and his usual "Geogia Wrestling Journal" which looks at the WCW TV tapings held on Monday, August 12th. Klon returns with I'm sure comments on the Flair-Titan situation and IWF comments as well. Marianne Ryan will be back as well with more "Notes From The Parking Lot".

We'll be coming right back at you next week since the week after I'll be away. Cover date will be August 26, yeah, SummerScam day. But I'm not holding the issue back waiting for that so it'll be in the mail Monday. We'll have 3 live reports for you. An IWF show from O-town on 8/21, WCW Bash from St. Petersburg on 8/23, and a WCW Bash in Jacksonville on 8/24 which features a War Games. My first one live, watch it be a dud. Scott Hudson, Evan Ginzburg, and Mike Terry will all drop in with their respective columns so it should be a packed issue even though it'll only be a week between publishing dates. I know, go weekly. Wrong.

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INTERNATIONAL WRESTLING FEDERATION

August 7, 1991

Central Florida Fairgrounds
Orlando, FL

Opening Match

Nuclear Assassin #1 and Dennis Allen went to a time limit draw at 13:22. Chris Qualmann and myself were doing the announcing and timekeeping respectively and we were going to do legit times but as this match progressed, we knew we had to shave some off. They looked blown up at the 7:00 mark, especially Nuke Ass Bob (may become a cult hero with that nickname). *

2nd Match

Longrider Brett Colt pinned Hollywood Rick Diamond at 9:47. Diamond got good heat from ringsiders. Colt has improved since I first saw him at the school. Finish saw Rick load the glove but Colt's partner who was at ringside, Kip Winchester caught the hand and when Rick turned around,

Colt schoolboyed him for the win. I would give Diamond some victories via the glove before having him do jobs. **

3rd Match

The Stomper beat Mike DiBacco in 7:35 with a boot to the head. Stomper's manager Nasty Ronnie led Stomper out to the ring with a drumstick. (Probably that Chubby Mo Cool brought to the arena.) Funny stuff. DiBacco was a sub for Thor who was in New York but Chris announced that Thor didn't make it because he was jumped by Mondo Kleen in Denver. Wait, I thought this was the first house show. Must have been at Stapleton Airport. Credit to Chris. He said it with a straight face. DiBacco showed some offense. I know Mansfield wants competitive matches but to get Stomper over as the killer heel he looks like, I would have squashed Mike in 3 minutes. 3/4

4th Match

Chubby Mo Cool beat The Possessor (Nasty Ned Brady) in 8:38. First couple of minutes were slow with no heat which surprised me because these two guys generated tons in Universal. But they cranked it up at the 3 minute mark and the fans were eating it up. Ned took a great bump from a Chubby clothesline on his back on the concrete. Ned is one of the most talented guys in the IWF with his natural ability. His mannerisms, facial expressions, and mat work are great. One scary move had Mo Cool lift Ned up for a suplex while standing on the ring apron. They actually started to go over but Possessor fell to the floor in back of Mo Cool. Nasty Ronnie got involved at the 7:00 mark and took some good bumps. Chubby "dropped the base" (Samoan drop) on Ronnie and then did the same to Possessor. When Ronnie went to jump on Chubby, Mo moved and Ronnie splashed Ned. Mo Cool covered both for the win. ***

Tag Team Match

Dynamite Express over The Bad Boys at 23:50. Great all out action. Randy Fuller gave Billy Brooks a frankensteiner that drove Brooks head to the mat. Looked great. When he went for another one, Brooks slammed him down. One of the best spots of the match. Line of the night goes to Brooks when accused of a choke, "I come from a good family, I wouldn't do that." They went to a four way and with Bad Boys out of the ring, Randy Rhodes faked a dive over the top by swinging between the top and middle strand ala Liger but then whipped Fuller over the top and he came down on both Brooks and Blair. Finish came as Brooks was in the ring and Rhodes butted him in the midsection from the apron. He went for a sunset flip but Billy held on so Fuller came over the ropes for a sunset and Rhodes slid out of the way and Fuller scored the pin. Hard to explain had to see it. Good finish. Other than spending a little too much time beating the snot out of Fuller before the hot tag, it was super action. ***3/4.

IWF TV Championship

Lou Perez beat Cliff Anderson via DQ in 17:04. Some decent action outside the ring saw them take out everything at ringside. Perez had the sleeper on Cliff when Anderson pulled ref John Hogan into him to knock ref down. Cliff then covered Lou and Hogan made the count until a second ref came in and told John what happened. Hogan reversed the decision and DQ'd Cliff. *3/4

IWF World Tag Team Championship

The Heartbreakers and Thunder & Lightning went to a double DQ at 18:22. Heat from start to finish. We sent some security guy over to the side of the ring manager Champagne Cain was working. Some fan wasn't taking his eyes off of Cain. I thought he was going to attack him. Big Till was bumping all over the place. Great tag team moves by both teams. A complete match all the way. ****

NOTES

Overall a real good show. Attendance was only 125 but that was with only two weeks of TV buildup and when one of those shows came on at 12:30 at night, well, what do you expect. Sunshine Network has been jerking them around since day 1.

RAMBLINGS

First off, my thoughts on Ric Flair entering the WWF. It's the first thing that has happened in wrestling in I don't know how long that has me excited about this sport again. Some people think Vince is appealing to the smart fans. Wrong. Vince is a businessman. He sees this way to push Flair as making the most money. And he's right. I've talked to many hardcores in the past couple of weeks that said they had not been to Titan house shows in years but they would go to one if Flair was working with Jim Powers. Slapping Bobby Heenan with Ric is also a good idea as Flair will be cheered by all the

hardcores at arenas. This could sway the semi-smarts over to Flair from Hogan. But using Heenan who is hated by the marks will solidify Flair as a heel. I'll tell you one thing. If Wrestlemania in Indianapolis is Flair-Hogan, you'll see the first huge get together of hardcores at a Titan PPV.....The Bob Backlund-Terry Funk match that took place in Blackwood, NJ for Dennis Corraluzzi on 8/17 was said to be a 70's style match with lots of restholds. A few chants of boring from the crowd estimated at 1,000. But Funk was entertaining and Backlund got a huge pop from the crowd. Bob won with a roll up. Also on the card, Stan Lane & Jim Cornette beat Jerry Lawler & Dr. Mark Curtis, Larry Sharpe won his retirement match besting Bob Orton who was managed by Bulldog Brower who then beat up Ace and now Orton and Brower will meet at Dennis's next card on 10/5. Cactus Jack was also there as he beat Morgus the Maniac. Cactus will be working for WCW solely soon.....Kevin Sullivan and Dallas Page will be through with WCW on 9/4. Sullivan is skedded vs. Terry Funk on the next Goodhart show....Not confirmed but don't look for Nikita to win the U.S. strap in Atlanta Sunday as he's through 9/4 also.....Oliver Humperdink and Junkfood already history and more to follow in WCW.....The Eaton-Austin match in Chicago (complete results in "Correspondent's Corner") ended with Eaton scoring a clean pin at 11:00. But he didn't win the TV title because it was announced after the bout that you had to pin the man in 10:00. WCW keeps digging their hole deeper and deeper.....Rick Rude no showed three ICW shows last week and Nikolai Volkoff subbed and beat Tony Atlas by DQ in Somerville, NJ and Rockland, ME but won a non-title affair in Oxford, ME on the 14th. Tyree Pride was in Oxford as he's helping run a show in the Bahamas on 9/14 with Atlas vs. Santana, Tyree vs. Tasmaniac, Dory Funk Jr. vs. Koko Ware, and Joe Savoldi vs. Abdullah.....ICW wrestler Chief Thunder Mountain (one of the Wild Bunch) died Friday of an apparent heart attack.....Add Brian Pillman to the list of arrested. He was charged with trying to pass a forged prescription. I'll let you guess what kind of drug.....If this next Clash doesn't do well ratings wise (and it's not expected to), TBS may scrub future Clashes..... A group is skedded to start running opposition to USWA in Memphis. They'll be taping in Miss. and running the Pipkin building on Thursday nights. The only name I heard working for them is Eddie Gilbert. Gilbert is also booked with Global now as Friday night he'll interfere in the Patriot-Al Perez return bout and cause Perez to lose. Al will be a face in a feud with Gilbert....WCW has changed it's mind on Johnny B. Badd as he'll remain a heel.....September shows have Luger & Hughes on top vs. Simmons & Windham. I don't hear box office tickets coming out of the computers for that one.....I've had lots of comments concerning the Mansfield interview, especially where he claimed the sheets exposed the business. I wanted to touch on this last issue but ran out of space. I disagree. If it weren't for the sheets, there would be alot fewer wrestling fans around today. I know if sheets didn't exist, I wouldn't be a fan. There comes a point in every wrestling fan's career (for lack of better term) where they need more than just results and going to matches. It's either find the sheets or drop out of the business all together. We don't put sheets in marks hands. They come requesting them.....If you thought Tully Blanchard "finding religion" was hard to believe, try this guy, Buddy Landell. Landell was baptised last week and is planning on touring the country with an evangelist. (Not a well known one.) They are getting Landell T-shirts made and everything. Sounds like a scam to me.....Toronto newspaper columnist Norm Dacosta has struck again. He claimed in a recent column that Kerry Von Erich will be joined this fall by his younger brother David. The weird thing is, it would be even scarier if Chris showed up in Titan than if we actually saw David show up. Does this mean Bruiser Brody will be coming in to form a six man with David and Scott Irwin?.....Still had a question in my mind on whether Jake Roberts was going heel. Well, the skit they showed this weekend confirmed it. A wacky video but as a respected Observer mentioned, great television. Jake will enter into a series with Warrior in November after the casket matches with Undertaker are done.....UWF at the Doolhouse in Tampa on 8/11 saw Chris Proctor & Frankie Lancaster over Jumbo Berretta & Cody Wade in front of 250.....A big wrestling weekend in the Tampa Bay area this weekend. The CWF runs 8/22 in Tampa at the American Legion Hall with Tex Salinger vs. Masked Superstar on top. 8/23 is the WCW Bash in St. Pete. And Suncoast Pro runs at the Manatee Civic Center with Boris Malenko and ref Frankie Reyes vs. Penelope Paradise & Masked Superstar which stems from their last card their. When I told Penelope that I had a hard time with a promotion booking a woman wrestler against a referee for the main event (last card there), she said she had a hard time with a kay fabe sheet editor doing ring announcing. Ziiiiing.....IWF in St. Cloud 8/9 had two memorable moments (most of the bouts were same as Orlando with slightly lower grades.). The opener had two guys in for a tryout. Scott Allen (WWF jobber vs. J.B. Badd (original huh?). They are actually brothers. Anyways, Badd pulls a fork out of his boot halfway through the bout. In the opener. Me and Chris Qualmann almost fell out of our chairs but the best move of the night was their finish. Badd gave Allen a piledriver from the top rope. It was a perfect piledriver too. Chris and I were like marks going nuts for the move. The crowd probably thought we were playing it up. There was also this fan there who came up after a Bad Boys-Dynamites match (****) and asked if we were kidding. Did we ever hear of the WWF. I said yes and birds, snakes. The guy goes, "Yeah, that's real wrestling". Save me. ...

Is it just me...or is Pedicino making a mistake running four consecutive tournaments on television? I realize Joe must actually crown champions before he can start up storylines, but four in a row seems like overkill. If he's trying to build a steady viewership, I don't think using the same wrestlers over and over in different tourneys is the way to do it. Marks will tire of the same guys in tournaments and stop watching before Joe has a chance. For example, I'm sure Adrian Street is a nice guy, but I don't want to see him in four tournaments. But I suppose many of the marks won't even know about Global until it receives coverage in the Apter mags.

Is it just me...or is Private Terry Daniels an unprofessional jerk? I'm referring to his refusal to let Billy Black do his Japanese moves on him during a Global match. Black was injured as a result. It's not like Daniels is a huge star in another promotion that he'd look bad taking the moves. Heck, the guy did weekly jobs for everyone and their grandmother in Memphis. Fire this retread immediately!

Is it just me...or is Wade Keller sitting back saying "I told you so" about the Lightning Kid? Kid's performance was absolutely phenomenal on ESPN.

Is it just me...or is Cactus Jack one of the truly great performers in wrestling ever? Cactus did some of the most unheard of things ever on a wrestling card in Philly. But the amazing part was that he did it in front of 600 fans and with a WCW tryout the next day. Geez, I saw Windham-Luger in front of the same amount of fans and the two simply went through the motions. Luger posted but didn't even blade. Kudos to Jack.

Is it just me...or does Big Bully Busich look like Rick Steiner's twin?

Is it just me...or should Pedicino team Stane Lane with lookalike Steve Dane? Then Jim Cornette could really use the "twin sons of a different mother" line.

Is it just me...or was Eddy Mansfield completely wrong on his assessment of the sheets in the last AR? Mansfield placed a lot of the blame for the decline of wrestling on Dave Meltzer. This reasoning is based on numerous logical fallacies. For starters, wrestling flourished after the 1985 boom and Meltzer was "exposing" the business back then too. Then how about the fact that worldwide, Meltzer has less than 5,000 subscribers. It is impossible to have much of an effect on the attendance of any major promotion with the smarts so spread out geographically. How does this account for a decline in US wrestling? Okay, so the first two fallacies are obvious, but how about this: Mansfield makes the assumption that it is actually WRONG to expose the business in the first place.

Well, everyone in this country knows wrestling is as fake as a three-dollar bill. Hey, studies done by newspapers have shown this and McMahon has admitted it in court. How can it be wrong to "expose" a business that is already exposed? The only place wrestling is not exposed is during the television shows by the announcers and in Apter mags.

Of course, I'm assuming that Mansfield meant that the sheets expose pro wrestling as FAKE. He might have meant that the sheets expose certain seedy facets of the business that should not be exposed.

If that's the case, hey, wrestling is a business, and as such is subject to media coverage. The Apter-like coverage in the 70's was fine because fans were more likely to believe wrestling was real. It protected the business, which was much further from the mainstream because the cable explosion had not occurred. The "realness" of the matches is what sold tickets, so the Apter style was okay (not to mention that Meltzer wasn't around). Today people go to see the "stars" and not matches per se, largely because that is the only way it is promoted.

All the behind-the-scenes hirings, firings, and ego clashes are part of the business and sheetsters have the right to dig up as much info as they can, just as a regular reporter would.

Is it just me...or is Mansfield like all the others in looking for a scapegoat?

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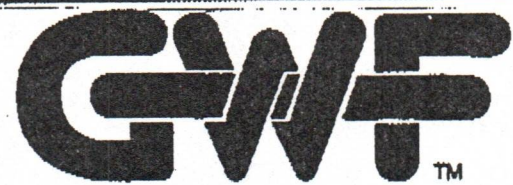
RL - Sorry for all the changes in this issue.
The perils of being a newsletter editor.

SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

GEORGIA MOUNTAINS CENTER (Gainesville, Georgia) 08-12-91. WCW TV TAPINGS FOR AIR THE WEEKENDS OF AUGUST 31 AND SEPTEMBER 7. World Championship Wrestling (08-31-91): The Patriots over The Freebirds..The Diamond Studd over The Unknown Jobber..Tom Zenk over Rick Jones..Oz over Jamie McKenna..Kevin Sullivan over Lynn Shields..The Enforcers over Scott Sandlin & John Douglas..Barry Windham over Snake Watson..Sting over Tim Fry..Johnny B. Badd over Chris Sullivan..P.N. News over Lou Fabiano..(09-07-91): Tom Zenk over Buddy Lee Parker..The Enforcers over Joey Maggs & Terry Bronson..Cactus Jack over Johnny Meadows..Dustin Rhodes over Bob Cook..Barry Windham & Ron Simmons over Rip Rogers & Jim Boss..The Freebirds & Badstreet over Richard Morton, Thomas Rich, & Terrence Taylor..WCW Main Event: Dustin Rhodes over The Diamond Studd..Lex Luger over Barry Windham..The Enforcers over The Hardliners..Terrence Taylor over Mike Graham..(Dark): Bobby Eaton, Tom Zenk, Big Josh, & Dustin Rhodes and Steve Austin, The Diamond Studd, Dick Murdoch, & Dick Slater in a No Contest..Johnny Rich over Axl Rotten., NEWS AND NOTES: The Patriots win the U.S. straps from the Birds in a match that was o.k. when Thompson was in and perfectly horrid when Champion was in..Jobber Rick Jones is actually Doug Gilbert..Why was Sullivan put over when he is set to finish up on 8-29?..During Windham's 8-31 squash; Race, Luger, & Hughes run-in. Simmons attempts to make the save but both faces are left laying..On the 8-31 show, a gift box presented to Sting during a live Danger Zone is opened to reveal a girl in a sexy outfit. She presents some vague message to Sting. He reads the message, blows it off, kisses the girl and pats her on the ass. He then walks off to a big pop. Bigelow was suppose to be in the box but backed out..Cactus Jack is using Kenta Kobashi's double underhook DDT as a finisher..I got a real kick out of seeing Rip Rogers teaming with Jim BOSS (get it ?)..The 9-7 Danger Zone with Race, Luger, & Hughes ends with Windham, Simmons, Eaton, Zenk, & Dustin all involved..The 9-7 six-man and the Luger/Windham match are both ***. The Dust-in/Studd 8-31 match ends with Austin running-in and Windham making the save. Dustin is at a loss seeing Windham do this until Big Dust hits the ring to reassure his "thun" that Windham has, in fact, turned. They all walk off as one big, happy, family. Sniff. ATT: 1600 with 400 turned away..

SPARKLES RINK (Canton, Georgia) 08-17-91. GAW TV TAPINGS FOR AIR THE WEEKENDS OF AUGUST 24 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 28. (08-24-91): Mad Dog Joe over Damian Rogers..Joel Deaton over Eddie Sweat..The Blazers over Moose Mahoney & The Intruder..(08-31-91): Jim Bryant over Festus..Brute Force over Dustin Taylor & Mikey Zee..Terry Leyland over Billy Black..(09-07-91): John Michaels over The Intruder..Scott Anthony over Mike Roberts..The Golden Boys over Eddie Sweat & Moose Mahoney..Brute Force over Steve Pritchard & Dustin Taylor..(09-14-91): T.C. Carter over Mikey Zee..Steve Lawler over Mike Roberts..The Blazers over Jim Bryant & Fred Avery..Joel Deaton over Atom Steele..(09-21-91): Billy Black over Mad Dog Joe..Terry Leyland over Festus..(09-28-91): Mike Cervich over Jim Bryant..The Golden Boys over Brute Force..NEWS & NOTES: Leyland, a huge muscleman, won the Television Title from Billy Black on 8-31..The Golden Boys are Chick & Rick Donavan, who are billed as cousins..Steve Lawler will soon debut using a judge gimmick calling himself "The Honorable Judge William Cheatham"..There will be a change in format soon which will allow tapings to be held only once every eight weeks. Two new matches per show with the balance filled by GWF, LPWA, International, & Mat Classic matches..ATT: 235. Crowds grow.

THE LAST WORD...


**GLOBAL WRESTLING
FEDERATION**

WITH

KLON

I am thrilled with the initial WWF segments concerning Ric Flair. After watching Dusty Rhodes handle toilet waste and Terry Taylor turning into a human poultry exhibit, I did not want to think about what the braintrust in Conn might do to Flair. I did have a re-occurring thought about Mr Potato Head (the kids toy not Jim Herd) and I shuddered to think about such vile thoughts. Imagine my shock to hear the method of introduction of the greatest wrestler of our lifetime. Cold chills went up and down my spine when I heard the words out of Bobby Heenan's lips. If it comes down to a Wrestlemania of Ric Flair versus Hulk Hogan, ol' Klon will be making a trip up to the Hoosier city no doubt. Yes I have no doubt of the finish but I want to be part of the crowd, to acknowledge Ric Flair in the biggest crowd he will ever perform in front of in this country. We will see how it all comes about (if it does). God please don't let it come down to an ice cream versus horse manure match (after previous WWF efforts good taste is not in the WWF vocabulary). But I do consider the first hints of Ric Flair in the WWF to be ***** efforts. Keep it up Vince !!!

I attended the second IWF taping in Universal Studios and I was very much impressed ! How do you turn 450 sane tourists into raving mat fans in a one hour timeframe? Well Eddy Mansfield knows how. Imagine watching these tourists wandering in like they were on their way to any other show at Universal Studios. They have absolutely no idea who any of these wrestlers are (I doubt the 1% of sheet readers know any of these guys). But when the show is over they have been worked into a heat-filled frenzy worthy of any seen in this country. I would not have believed it possible. If they could work this magic on actual wrestling fans, I can see a viable promotion in the works. You just would not believe the heat from these tourists! I want comment on the work of each of the wrestlers (this includes the job guys) every single guy working this show was giving an extra effort. I have seen tv tapings from the WWF and WCW during the last year and there was all the difference in the world concerning work and attempts to draw heat. The following wrestlers could be working on a major promotion today: Ned Brady, Chubby Mo Cool, and the tag teams of Thunder and Lightning and the Heartbreakers. I was very impreged (and surprised because the first tv efforts did nothing for me). I may write an entire page about this new and up-coming group in a future issue of Arena Report.

That's all for this space, looks like the USSR is going heel again

Marianne Ryan's column was awful so I ran
this which was written by Scott Hudson! Hopefully,
Ryan will
run
next
week

Sung to the tune of "Walking in Memphis", it's **WRESTLING IN MEMPHIS**

Pulled on my wrestling boots and I boarded the plane;
Touched down in the land of Lawler feuds, Cornette, Keirn & Lane.
Tojo Yamamoto, won't you look down over me.
Yeah, I've got a front row ticket, but I'm as green as a boy can be.

But, I'm wrestling in Memphis.
I'm showing all the teenage girls how to squeal,
Wrestling in Memphis.
But do I wrestle face or wrestle heel?

Saw the ghost of Lawler on Union Avenue.
Followed him up to the Mid South building, and I watched him walk right through.
Now, security, they did not see him, they just gathered 'round his crown.
There's a whorey little rat, with a welcome mat, down on the southside of town.

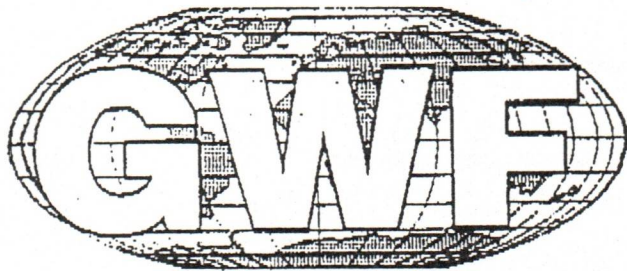
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They had Savage on the table, they had Eaton in the air.
No matter if you're green, they're glad to see you..
If you haven't got a prayer, boy, you've got a prayer in Memphis.

Now, I have got real talent. I want to make it to Hollywood
So I came down to see Jarrett and he asked me if I could.
I did a few nice high spots. I worked my ass off Monday night.
He said, "you will wrestle my son Jeff" and I said, "damn another job tonight!"

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Global Wrestling Federation viewpoints

THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE GLOBAL WRESTLING FEDERATION VOLUME 1 NUMBER 3

THE GLOBALDOME (Dallas, Texas) 08-09-91 and 08-10-91. GWF TV TAPINGS FOR "MAJOR LEAGUE WRESTLING" AND "ESPN SUPERCARD" AIRING FROM AUGUST 21 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1991. MLW (08-24-91): The Renegade Warriors over Ed Robinson & El Diablo..The Handsome Stranger over Tom Davis..Bad News over Rick Garren..Bill Irwin over ??..The Pretty Young Things over Chaz & Terry Garvin..The Patriot over The California Stud..MLW(08-31-91): Bad News & The Soultaker over Barry Usher & Terry Garvin..Scott Anthony over Rick Garren..The Handsome Stranger over Steve Dane..The Dirty Davis Brothers over The Renegade Warriors..Gary Young & Jeff Gaylord over Kenny The Stinger & El Diablo..ESPN(08-21-91): Terry Gordy over Randy Rhodes..Steve Dane Over Tug Taylor..Brian Lee over Bill Irwin..Cactus Jack over Gary Young..ESPN(08-23-91): The Patriot over The Soultaker..Axis over Terry Garvin..Steve Cox over The California Stud..Stan Lane over Action Jackson..ESPN(08-26-91): Austin Idol over Scott Anthony..Bad News over The Aztec..John Tatum over Jeff Gaylord..Al Perez over The Handsome Stranger..ESPN(08-27-91): The Patriot over Axis..Terry Gordy over Steve Dane..Cactus Jack over Brian Lee..ESPN(08-28-91): Stan Lane over Steve Cox..Austin Idol over Bad News..Al Perez over John Tatum..ESPN(08-29-91): Terry Gordy over Cactus Jack..The Patriot over Stan Lane..Al Perez over Austin Idol..ESPN(08-30-91): Al Perez over Terry Gordy..The Patriot over Al Perez..**NEWS AND NOTES**: I feel like I am about to step in the ring with Evander Holyfield. I know I am going to take my lumps but I can't do anything about it..Aside from a *** Gordy/Cactus match, not many approached ** with several DUDS..The finish to the Patriot/Perez final was creatively booked. The Patriot was to get in a pinning combination on Perez, but, at the count of two, The Patriot was to glimpse Perez's feet on the ropes and alert the referee (who supposedly could not see Perez's feet) and stop the count. Needless to say, it came off nothing like that and ended up looking

like the strangest pin you will see. Because of this, The Patriot will "renounce" his victory and a rematch will be held between the two. Officially, the title is held up, however, nothing to that end has yet been taped..The Gordy/Cactus match ended when Gordy powerbombed Cactus onto the mat-less arena floor and Cactus was counted out..Steve Dane turned heel against The Handsome Stranger when Christopher Love (who was inexplicably at ringside) held Dane's trunks when Stranger rolled Dane up. Dane will become a Cinderella-type heel with Love and The PYT's playing the evil stepmother and wicked stepsisters respectively. A turn back for Dane somewhere down the road seems likely..Gordy wrestled his last three matches with a three inch gash in the left side of his head. The guys had to work away from the camera so as not to show any hardway juice. Gordy posted himself a little too hard in the first round match against Rhodes. What a helluva performer!..Tessa to start soon, hopefully, as she was backstage both nights. Damn, she's good looking!..ATT:(08-09) 1298 (08-10)

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THE GLOBAL WRESTLING FEDERATION THE NORTH AMERICAN KAYWREST CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT			
FIRST ROUND	QUARTERFINALS	SEMIFINALS	FINAL ROUND
TERRY GORDY	TERRY GORDY	TERRY GORDY	TERRY GORDY
RANDY RHODES			
STEVE DANE	STEVE DANE		
TUG TAYLOR			
BRIAN LEE	BRIAN LEE		
BILL IRWIN			
CACTUS JACK	CACTUS JACK	CACTUS JACK	
GARY YOUNG			
THE PATRIOT	THE PATRIOT	THE PATRIOT	THE PATRIOT
THE SOULTAKER			
AXIS	AXIS		
TERRY GARVIN			
STEVE COX	STEVE COX		
CALIFORNIA STUD			
STAN LANE	STAN LANE	STAN LANE	
ACTION JACKSON			
AUSTIN IDOL	AUSTIN IDOL	AUSTIN IDOL	
SCOTT ANTHONY			
BAD NEWS	BAD NEWS		
THE AZTEC			
JOHN TATUM	JOHN TATUM		
JEFF GAYLORD			
AL PEREZ	AL PEREZ	AL PEREZ	AL PEREZ
HANDSOME STRANGER			
FINAL ROUND			
PLAYOFF MATCH		CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH	
TERRY GORDY vs. AL PEREZ		THE PATRIOT vs. AL PEREZ	

CORRESPONDENT'S CORNER

Pittsburgh Civic Arena (WWF)
Correspondent: John Lanigan

Pittsburgh, PA

August 2, 1991

1) Kerry Von Erich pinned Barbarian with a schoolboy at 9:11. C 2) Davey Boy Smith over Typhoon via count out at 9:20. Ty missed a clothesline outside the ring and rammed the post enabling the Bulldog to get back in to beat the count. C- 3) Col. Mustafa beat Koko Ware in 13:11 when Ware missed a corner charge and Sheik covered for the pin. D 4) Nasty Boys & The Mountie beat Legion of Doom & Big Boss Man at 14:12. Brian Knobbs ripped up a Legion poster and the place went nuts. Mountie hit Boss Man with the zapper for the win. B 5) Sgt. Slaughter won over Hacksaw Duggan via DQ in 15:33. Ref Hebner did a routine with Sarge which left Slaughter on the mat after a Hebner hip toss. Ref got up from a bump to see Hack with the 2x4 thus the DQ. C- 6) Shane Douglas & Marty Jannetty beat Orient Express at 17:48. Jannetty was a one man show. He won it with a schoolboy on Tanaka. A- 7) Randy Savage beat Undertaker in a body bag match at 15:40. He used the urn to finish off Taker in a good bout. B ATT: 5,000

Municipal Auditorium (WCW)
Correspondent: Bruce Grummert

Kansas City, MO

August 3, 1991

1) Junkyard Dog pinned Black Bart. 2) Diamond Stud over Tom Zenk. 3) Johnny B. Badd over P.N. News. 4) Freebirds retained their U.S. tag belts beating the Young Pistols. 5) Steve Austin pinned Big Josh. 6) Dustin Rhodes & Robert Gibson beat Terrence Taylor & Richard Morton in the best bout of the night. 7) Barry Windham pinned Yellow Dog using the ropes. 8) Sting beat Nikita Koloff in a Texas Death Match that only went 3 falls but they had a good brawl afterwards. 9) Bobby Eaton & El Gigante beat the Hardliners in a cage match that was awful. 10) Lex Luger defeated Ron Simmons with help from Harley Race to retain the World Title. ATT: 2,200

Old Skateland (GULF COAST)
Correspondent: Ken Verret

Houma, LA

August 4, 1991

1) Krusher Kramer over The Hellraiser with a big splash. 2) Frogman Leblanc beat Dale Roberts via DQ due to Roberts throwing the Frogman over the top rope. 3) Sonny Trout and Rock N Roll Warrior went ot a double count out. 4) Stanley Little Bear beat T.J. Styles. 5) Bad Company beat Choctaw Kid by using a foreign object that was handed to him by Scandor Akbar. 6) Bad Company won an 11 man battle royal. ATT: 200

UIC Pavillion (WCW)
Correspondent: John Henrikson

Chicago, IL

August 17, 19

1) Terry Taylor pinned Mike Graham in a decent opener. 2) Young Pistols & Big Josh over The Freebirds when Steve Armstrong pinned Badstreet. 3) P.N. News defeated Johnny B. Badd via DQ when Teddy Long interfered. 4) Bobby Eaton pinned Steve Austin but didn't win the belt. (See "Ramblings") 5) Richard Morton pinned Robert Gibson after cloteslining Robert with a handkerchief. Devastating huh? 6) Lex Luger pinned Barry Windham with Barry's foot on the ropes but Mr. Hughes pushed it off. 9th card in a row that the title match has a screw job. 7) Yellow Dog schoolboyed Diamond Studd in the best bout. Dog suplexed Studd from the ring to the outside. 8) Dustin Rhodes pinned Arn Anderson. 9) Sting beat Nikita Koloff in a Texas Death Match that went one fall. 10) Rick Steiner & El Gigante beat Hardliners in a cage that was horrible ATT: 1,800

LETTERS TO "AR"

IWF Involvement

I was more than a little confused over the immediate and unprovoked attack on your credibility over the IWF thing. I have one of their shows on tape and am looking forward to viewing it much more than I was after having read your "Birth of the IWF". Way back in the days when I was rating "AR" at 10 or less, I always considered you to be a scrupulously honest and fair reporter. One who would state his opinions and views no matter the consequences, if you felt it necessary to fair and accurate reporting. This opinion has remained throughout the years, including our brief and stormy relationship. My personal opinion is that your own writing has improved tremendously as has "AR".

There are a hell of a lot of writers and some publishers within the sheet community who have some connection to the business. People who quickly spring to mind: Steve Beverly, Mick Karch, Ray Whebbe Jr., Scott Hudson, Harry White. Are these people discredited as writers and doubted as to honesty and credibility due to their associations with the business?

I find it amazing that people who are supposed to be strong supporters, subscribers, friends would jump on your case without any real trial. Strangers, isn't it? Here I am, a person who has no real liking or loyalty to you (lots of respect), who has no question whatsoever in my mind that you can and will fairly and honestly report on the IWF in "AR". Yet, supposed friends are questioning you. Weird.

Rodney Leighton
Pugwash, Nova Scotia

RL- First off, I wish I knew all my subscribers on a personal basis but since I don't, it's impossible to call them all friends. 75% of them I've never even talked to. Second, criticism is always welcomed here. It's like Eddy Mansfield said in his interview, who wants people patting you on the back saying everything is great when it really sucks. If any of my subscribers have a complaint or see something they don't like in this sheet, I want to know about it. This section is an open forum for them. Of course, I appreciate your frankness in that last paragraph and welcome positive comments as well. Rodney will be publishing the last issue of T.U. Rasslin RIOT (Brian Tramel's soon to be forgotten baby.) Write to Rodney for info on getting a copy at R.R. #3, Pugwash, Nova Scotia BOK 110

Fear of Caskets

I am an old lady on her last legs, and because WWF and WCW house shows don't mean squat to me anymore, I think it's time for me to check out. The only problem is that I am afraid of caskets. Do you think you could get Jake Roberts to drop by and do for me what he recently did for Ultimate Warrior and his fear of "The Darkness"? Like WCW former champ Ric Flair, I'd like to go out quietly without creating a scene.

Grandma "Ooola Moola" Kullins
San Jose, CA

Random Thoughts

The August 5 issue was one of your best yet. 1) Mansfield interview. Get a comment from him on steroids. You can't be accused of shilling if you, the ring announcer, are publishing comments from your boss, the promoter, about such a sensitive topic.

2) Scott Hudson's random thoughts were much more interesting than his usual Georgia taping squash results. I'd rather read inside comments from an insider about Ross' radio show than Steiners over State Patrol for Power Hour.

3) Mike Terry's column is always good but was better than usual.

4) Just because it's called Arena Report doesn't mean it must emphasize match results. I prefer the strong opinions, editor's ramblings, interviews, letters, etc. rather than arena and taping results.

5) Your entire staff is worthy of the positive comments you made in the August 5 issue.

Steve Meyerson
Brooklyn, NY

RL- Regarding thought #4. The title of this sheet has been bothering me for some time now. I've had so many people that I have sent sample issues to that end up subscribing and in their letter say they thought "AR" was only results when they saw the title plugged in other sheets so they stayed away. I've often wondered about renaming this newsletter but worry that the connection between myself and "AR" would be lost. When I first started this sheet results were the main premise but it has gotten to be so much more. Should I change the name? I'd like all of you to give me your thoughts. Thanks.

Note

IWF TV Review next week... K.C.'s column got here late, will run next week. Thanks to Eric Krol for guest column. Plugs next week. Promise. See ya, Ken